

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS
(DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL & TRAINING)

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5240
(ANSWERED ON 02.04.2025)

OPEN MARKET SALE SCHEME FOR DOMESTIC PURPOSE

†5240. SHRI RAJESH RANJAN:

Will the **PRIME MINISTER** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that under Open Market Sale Scheme for Domestic Purpose (OMSS-D), about five lakh metric tonnes of wheat was allocated to Kendriya Bhandar for sale of atta during the launch of Bharat Brand Scheme Phase-1 to provide atta to the common consumers at subsidized rates;
- (b) if so, whether Kendriya Bhandar has sold only nine lakh bags through its retail shops during the period from 2023 to January 2025 against the target fixed for selling about 4 crore bags of 10 kg Bharat Atta manufactured from the allotted wheat;
- (c) if so, whether Kendriya Bhandar sold the remaining Bharat Atta bags in the open market by taking a bribe of Rs. 3 to 4 per kg thereby leading to scam of about Rs. 250 to 300 crore;
- (d) if so, whether the Government proposes to conduct a performance audit and investigation by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India and CBI respectively; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES
AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE
(DR. JITENDRA SINGH)**

(a): Bharat Atta was launched on 6.11.2023 with a view to provide atta (wheat flour) to general consumers at subsidized rates under Open Market Sale Scheme (Domestic) policy through Semi-Government and Cooperative Organizations like Kendriya Bhandar/NAFED/NCCF and tie-ups of these Organizations with other retail outlets (like SAFAL in Delhi, other retail chains/cooperatives in other States) to make Bharat Atta available at large number of outlets throughout the country. A quantity of 5,09,000 MT of wheat was allocated to Kendriya Bhandar for sale as Bharat Atta during Phase-I.

(b) and (c): 5,07,399 MT of wheat was lifted for Bharat Atta by Kendriya Bhandar from FCI during Phase-1 and entire quantity of lifted wheat was sold as Bharat Atta.

(d) and (e): No such proposal is under consideration.
